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**Dr. Allen P. Donovan
Senior Vice President, Technical
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P.O. Box 95063
Los Angeles, California**

Dear Al:

We were delighted to have your acceptance of 13 October to serve on the Space Intelligence Panel. I believe that we can be assured that there will be no conflict between this participation and those intelligence gathering activities in which Aerospace is engaged. Almost all of the information on the Soviet Space Program comes to us through earth-based collection systems. However, if there is a conflict problem with the West Wing analysis activity, please let me know and we can reexamine the problem.

I shall look forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

**Albert D. Wheelon
Deputy Director**

**cc: Admiral Raborn
Mr. Duckett**

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ALLEN F. DONOVAN,
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October 13, 1965

Admiral W. F. Raborn (Ret.)
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Admiral Raborn:

I am honored to receive your kind invitation to serve on your Space Intelligence Panel. I have worked extensively with both Dr. Ramo and Dr. Wheelon before, and it would be a pleasure on my part to resume the association. I must, however, point out that there may be some aspects of the Panel's efforts where conflict of interest would prevent my participation. In particular, I note that you desire the Panel to examine your collection resources. There are some aspects of this area in which I am involved at Aerospace Corporation where it would be improper for me to participate in the Panel's deliberations. If this forms a small enough percentage of the Panel assignments that you still desire my participation, I shall be most happy to accept your invitation. Should this be a serious barrier to effective contribution, I believe you would be wise to seek an alternate member.

I shall leave this decision with you and again state that I thank you for the invitation and will be glad to assist in any manner which is appropriate in the circumstances.

Sincerely,

Allen F. Donovan

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